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## **Report Highlights:**

Post revises its soybean production estimate for marketing year (MY) 2013/14 (October-September) to 9.5 MMT, a decrease of 1.0 million metric tons (MMT). Consequently, ending stocks are also revised lower to 1.0 MMT, the lowest in the last decade. Oil meal exports in MY 2014/15 are revised down from 4.8 MMT to 4.1 MMT to reflect lower than anticipated soybean meal exports. The soybean meal PSD (Table 2) is updated to reflect more correct extraction rates and usage.

#### **General Information:**

## Soybean Production in MY 2013/14 Revised Down to 9.5 MMT

Post revises down soybean production for the previous marketing year (MY 2013/14) from 10.5 MMT to 9.5 MMT. This revision results from a lower than anticipated drop in yields, which has also lowered soybean stocks and market arrivals. This estimate remains consistent with production figures adopted by Soybean Processors' Association of India. Soybean production in the current marketing year (MY 2014/15) remains unchanged at 10.6 MMT.

### Oilseed End Stocks in MY 2013/14 Revised Lower to 1 MMT, Lowest in Last Decade

Post further reduces the MY 2013/14 total oilseed crush from 29.1 MMT to 28.9 MMT due to the lower than anticipated oilseeds stocks (particularly soybean) for crush-to-meal. Ending stocks in MY 2013/14 are lowered from 1.7 MMT to 1.0 MMT, a 35-percent reduction from the previous estimate, and the lowest in the last decade. Stocks are reduced due to lower than anticipated oilseed production and lower domestic consumption of oilseed feed waste. Moreover, Indian millers are discouraged by a glut of low-cost vegetable oil imports (mostly palm) and low international demand for Indian soybean meal.

## Oil Meal Exports Forecast in MY 2014/15 Revised Down from 4.8 MMT to 4.1 MMT

The total oil meal export forecast (which excludes rice bran and castor meal) for MY 2014/15 is revised down from 4.8 MMT to 4.1 MMT. The lower than anticipated soybean crush, coupled with a sluggish exports will bring down total soybean meal sales to 2.9 MMT, 24 percent lower than previously estimated. Likewise, domestic soybean meal for feed use is moderated to reflect current industry estimates, although the poultry sector continues to grow modestly year-on-year. Stable feed prices should support demand expansion for poultry products. Throughout the past two years, India's poultry sector has struggled with high production costs and slim profit margins.

**Correction:** Soybean meal PSD (Table-2) for MY 2013/14 has been updated to reflect correct extraction rate and likewise its utilization too was revised.

**Table 1. India: Commodity, Oilseed, Soybean, PSD** (Area in 1000 hectares and production in 1000 metric tons)

Oilseed, Soybean	2012/2013		2013/2014		2014/2015	
Market Begin Year	Oct 20	12	Oct 2013		Oct 2014	
India	USDA	New	USDA	New	USDA	New
	Official	Post	Official	Post	Official	Post
Area Planted	10,700	10,700	12,200	12,200	11,000	10,908
Area Harvested	10,700	10,700	12,200	12,000	11,000	10,908
Beginning Stocks	800	535	1,135	515	606	245
Production	12,200	11,200	9,500	9,500	10,500	10,600
MY Imports	0	0	4	0	0	0
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from EU	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	13,000	11,735	10,639	10,015	11,106	10,845
MY Exports	115	20	183	20	150	20
MY Exp. to EU	38	0	50	0	60	0
Crush	9,900	9,600	8,300	7,800	8,500	8,300
Food Use Dom.	650	600	550	650	650	700
Cons.						
Feed Waste Dom. Cons.	1,200	1,000	1,000	1,300	1,150	1,500
Total Dom. Cons.	11,750	11,200	9,850	9,750	10,300	10,500
Ending Stocks	1,135	515	606	245	656	325
Total Distribution	13,000	11,735	10,639	10,015	11,106	10,845
CY Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
CY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
CY Exports	100	10	150	10	175	10
CY Exp. to U.S.	43	0	50	0	50	0

**Table 2. India: Commodity, Meal, Soybean, PSD** (Units in 1000 metric tons, Extraction rate in Percent)

Meal, Soybean	2012/2013		2013/2014		2014/2015	
Market Begin Year	Oct 2012		Oct 2013		Oct 2014	
India	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Crush	9,900	9,600	8,300	7,800	8,500	8,300
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0.8000	0.8000	0.8000	0.8000	0.8000	0.8000
Beginning Stocks	264	230	347	160	202	125
Production	7,920	7,680	6,640	6,240	6,800	6,640
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
MY Imp. from EU	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	8,191	7,910	6,994	6,400	7,009	6,765
MY Exports	4,354	4,500	2,742	2,825	2,550	2,900
MY Exp. to EU	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food Use Dom. Cons.	190	250	200	250	215	300
Feed Waste Dom. Cons.	3,300	3,000	3,850	3,200	4,000	3,300
Total Dom. Cons.	3,490	3,250	4,050	3,450	4,215	3,600
Ending Stocks	347	160	202	125	244	265
Total Distribution	8,191	7,910	6,994	6,400	7,009	6,765
CY Imports	7	0	7	0	7	0
CY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
CY Exports	4,435	3,800	2,950	3,800	3,000	3,800
CY Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0
SME	3,490	3,250	4,050	3,450	4,215	3,600

**Table 3. India: Commodity, Oil, Soybean, PSD**(Unit in 1000 metric tons and Extraction rate in Percent)

Oil, Soybean	2012/2013 Oct 2012		2013/2014 Oct 2013		2014/2015 Oct 2014	
Market Begin Year						
India	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post	USDA Official	New Post
Crush	9,900	9,600	8,300	7,800	8,500	8,300
Extr. Rate, 999.9999	0.1770	0.1760	0.1781	0.1799	0.1760	0.1798
Beginning Stocks	360	479	248	364	255	387
Production	1,752	1,690	1,478	1,403	1,496	1,492
MY Imports	1,086	1,200	1,830	1,830	1,925	1,900
MY Imp. from U.S.	10	0	2	20	2	20
MY Imp. from EU	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Supply	3,198	3,369	3,556	3,597	3,676	3,779
MY Exports	0	5	1	10	0	0
MY Exp. to EU	0	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Food Use Dom. Cons.	2,950	3,000	3,300	3,200	3,450	3,400
Feed Waste Dom. Cons.	0	0	0	0	0	0
-	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Dom. Cons.	2,950	3,000	3,300	3,200	3,450	3,400
Ending Stocks	248	364	255	387	226	379
Total Distribution	3,198	3,369	3,556	3,597	3,676	3,779
CY Imports	1,120	958	1,600	1,000	1,700	1,100
CY Imp. from U.S.	10	113	2	15	2	15

CY Exports	0	0	1	0	0	0
CY Exp. to U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0